



CIAC

Asthma Coalition Interim Update

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OUR COALITION IN ACTION

NACo Grant

Michelle Butler, our CIAC member in McCall has completed her extensive (and exhaustive) work on the National Association of Counties Indoor Air Quality Grant. Through the grant, she has provided additional community education and awareness of asthma. A summary of her successes is below. Excellent work Michelle! Thank you so much for your dedication!

- 150 age appropriate asthma education packs have been created, assembled, and delivered to all the Medical clinics and Hospitals in the McCall area as well as Schools in Valley County. McCall Memorial Hospital has given out over 35 packets & there have been several given out at presentations.
- “Tools for Living a Healthy Life with Asthma” have been offered in McCall quarterly & once each in Donnelly & Cascade with a total attendance of 45 people. In addition, 35 patients have also received one on one education at the hospital. Thus, over 80 community members have received asthma education.
- 112 schoolteachers in McCall, Donnelly and Cascade have been educated on the State-wide Asthma Action plan using a PowerPoint presentation Michelle created & presented.
- 8 Libraries in McCall, Cascade, Donnelly and New Meadows have implemented “Quest for the Code”. Flyers advertising the program were created & printed then sent to each school for libraries to post and teachers to review with children in 4th through 8th grades.
- 7 Daycares have received presentations on the “A is for Asthma” program. Thus far, 4 have agreed to implement it and more want the program. The McCall Memorial Hospital will keep a copy in their lending library so it can be checked out.
- Michelle developed & presented a physician staff training to 58 physician & medical support staff members at 7 different sites.

Asthma School Staff Surveys

The final report on the Asthma Inhaler Law school staff survey has been completed. Please contact Jennifer if you would like to have a copy of the final report and recommendations. Once again, thanks to the NNU MSW Interns for their assistance on the project!

ASTHMA EDUCATION: Please contact Jenn Darling at 327-8591 with ideas for future asthma awareness events that you would like the coalition to pursue and/or be aware of.

American Lung Association

CONGRATULATIONS! The ALA recently received a Childhood Asthma Management Continuation grant. The primary goal of the grant is to increase the number of elementary schools implementing Open Airways for Schools in Idaho. The grant also allows the ALA to build education and awareness as an in-service to 5 target area school personnel and educate parents on asthma issues using components of Asthma Friendly Schools (AFS). As a component of this grant, the ALA is looking for active participants for their District Implementation Teams (DIT). The DIT will meet a minimum of 3 times during the project year to advise on recruitment, implementation support and evaluation. If you would like to participate on the DIT, contact Kera Yost at 336-2373 for more information.

The Asthma Walk is getting closer! Plans are currently underway – if you would like to be on the planning committee, please contact the ALA at 336-2373 and let them know you have some energy and expertise to share! Your participation will be greatly appreciated and remember – the CIAC will have a team this year, so get out your walking shoes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16th:

Essential Public Health Services Assessment

The next Coalition meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, November 16, so we can participate in Essential Public Health Services Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to assess the delivery of asthma-related Essential Public Health Services in health district 4.

The first group (CIAC Members) will meet on November 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (lunch and refreshments will be served). The purpose of this survey process is to respond to asthma-related service provider activities as well as address gaps in professional services.

The second group for persons with asthma and/or their caregivers (please feel free to refer participants to this focus group) is also on November 16th and runs from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (refreshments will be served). The purpose of this focus group is to assess consumer comments & concerns related to asthma.

To RSVP for either group, please contact Jennifer at 327-8591 or jdarling@cdhd.idaho.gov.